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CHP COMMISSIONERS LEAD CRACKDOWN ON BAD TRUCK DRIVERS

(SACRAMENTO)—A Lathrop truck driver got his second speeding ticket in 11 days today on Interstate 5 in Sacramento. This time he may have gotten the message.

The ticket was personally written by CHP Commissioner D.O. “Spike” Helmick, who led an enforcement effort targeting bad truck drivers. He was joined by most of the CHP’s top brass, including Deputy Commissioner Alex Jones, Assistant Commissioner Manny Padilla, Valley Division Commander Arthur Anderson and Valley Division Assistant Chief John Rolin.

By midday, Valley Division had issued 246 citations for moving violations, including 147 speeding citations; 89 for mechanical violations; 19 for log book violations; and seven for medical card violations. They also issued 110 verbal warnings. Twenty-four trucks were put out of service.

The sweep began at daybreak with the commissioners and chiefs leading a CHP strike force of 40 officers who fanned out throughout the Sacramento area in a massive enforcement effort aimed at truck violations. Two airplanes and a dozen CHP commercial truck experts took part in the all-day effort.

“Most truckers are outstanding, professional drivers, but there is a significant segment that are not driving as they should and are a menace to all motorists, including other truckers,” said Helmick.

A similar crackdown in the Bay Area involved more than 70 officers patrolling Interstate 80 for truck violations.

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